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PETROLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF SCARBOROUGH WARE FROM
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Introduction

Two small samples of Mediaeval Scarborough ware were submitted for thin section analysis and study under the petrological microscope. Both samples come from the same vessel found in Hartlepool and decorated with a honey glaze and green streaks (HCW 1972 F86 and F90). In the hand-specimen it was reported that one sample appeared to be in Scarborough ware I fabric and the other in Scarborough ware II fabric (cf. Williams and Tomber, 1982). It was important to know if the Hartlepool vessel belonged either to the earlier Phase I or the later Phase II of the Scarborough ware tradition on which the Farmers are now working (Farmer, 1979; Farmer and Farmer, 1982).

Petrology

Comparison with previous Scarborough ware material thin sectioned showed that both samples more closely resembled Scarborough ware Phase II fabric (Williams and Tomber, 1982).

¹ Part of a long-term project on the petrological characterization of Scarborough ware.

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